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SUBJECT: JOHN DAVIES UNLIKELY TO REPLACE RONALD
GRIERSON

REF: EC BRUSSELS 226

1. OUR SOURCES IN HMG CONSIDER IT "INCONCEIVABLE"
THAT JOHN DAVIES, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF
LANCASTER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EC MATTERS,
WOULD REPLACE RONALD GRIERSON AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS IN THE EC
COMMISSION (SEE REFTEL).

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2. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN RECURRENT RUMORS THAT

DAVIES MIGHT BE REPLACED AS "MINISTER FOR EUROPE,"
HE CURRENTLY OCCUPIES ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR POSITIONS
IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT
JOB IN NOVEMBER 1972, HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE GIANT
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

3. AS ONE FOREIGN OFFICIAL PUT IT, DAVIES IS A MAN OF
CONSIDERABLE "AMOUR PROPRE." THE ONLY JOB HE WOULD
EVEN CONSIDER IN BRUSSELS, THIS OFFICIAL SAID, IS THAT
OF EC COMMISSIONER.

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